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*Kua tawhiti kē to haerenga mai, kia kore e haere tonu. He nui rawa ō mahi, kia kore e mahi tonu.
You have come too far not to go further, you have done too much not to do more
– Tā Hēmi Henare*

This report provides an overview of our research highlights and significant work undertaken by the James Henare Research Centre (JHRC) since we last met in July 2023.



Ahonuku | Associate Professor Marama Muru-Lanning
Manutaki Rangahau | Research Director



Manutaki Te Tai Tokerau (Acting) |
Dr Tia Dawes

Ngā Mahi Rangahau | Our Research Projects

Project title: Ko ngā kaumātua ō tātou taonga: Supporting kaumātua health in a changing world.

Funder: Health Research Council (HRC).

Lead: Associate Professor Marama Muru-Lanning

The final two wānanga for this kaupapa were held with kaumātua from marae based in Tamaki Makaurau. These wānanga have given us a deeper understanding of the complexities of the lives of urban kaumātua. A review of the wānanga transcripts is currently underway.



Just last week on 26 October, the team held a whakahoki kōrero hui with the kaumātua from Te Tai Tokerau. The team presented their findings of the wānanga held with each of these groups late last year. Kaumātua gave their feedback on the themes we drew out from their kōrero, and of their expectations about the future use of the research findings.

Due to COVID-related disruptions, the project completion deadline has been extended to 31st May 2024.

Project Title: Listening to the voices of our harbours: Kāwhia, Manukau and Whangārei
Funder: Royal Society Te Apārangi Marsden Grant
Leader: Associate Professor Marama Muru-Lanning
Co-leaders: Dr Keri Mills; Mr Gerald Lanning



On the 23rd of September the Harbours project's doctoral scholar Dr Ngāhuia Harrison received her doctoral degree in fine arts at a beautiful ceremony at Waipapa Marae. Ngāhuia's creative and written doctorate is a tino rangatiratanga project exploring the complex ways that Māori continue to assert sovereignty over Whāngarei Te Rerenga Parāoa.

In November the Marsden team including community researchers from Whāngarei and Kāwhia will present project findings at an international climate change in the Pacific, 4S Social Sciences conference. This conference will build connections between tangata whenua challenges in harbour spaces and whanaunga in Te Moana Nui a Kiwa.

Due to COVID-related disruptions, the project deadline has been extended to 28th February 2025. Final publications for this project are scheduled for later this year and early 2025.

Project title: Tikanga in Technology: Indigenous Approaches to Transforming Data Ecosystems.
Funder: MBIE Endeavour Fund.
Contract lead: University of Waikato
Leader: Associate Professor Marama Muru-Lanning and

PhD researcher Nick Jones attended a hui with the Office of the Privacy Commissioner (OPC) in July to talk about the ethics of biometrics [using biological data for identification e.g. face recognition on phones]. As a result of this hui, Marama and Nick, with members of the Tikanga in Technology team, submitted a co-authored biometrics code of practice discussion document to OPC. In this, the team calls for the Commissioner to proceed with formal consultation on the development of a draft biometrics Code.



Nick delivering his lecture at Dartmouth College

Through the support of the Tikanga in Technology project, Nick received the opportunity to travel to the United States in early October to deliver a lecture about Takatāpui at Dartmouth College (Hanover, New Hampshire). Nick's PhD project on Takatāpui stakes in Māori Data Sovereignty has been included as a case study for the project.

Marama and Nick continue to attend monthly Tikanga in Technology hui, reporting on updates concerning our case studies.

New Research Projects

Project title: Making use of wastewater from aircraft and individual buildings for better infectious disease epidemiology and response

Funder: Te Niwha - The infectious diseases research platform

Contract lead: Institute of Environmental Science and Research Limited (subcontract: Waipapa Taumata Rau)

Co-Leaders: Dr Brent Gilpin and Associate Professor Marama Muru-Lanning

Status: Awarded

Project Abstract:

Testing of sewage for the presence of infectious disease, known as wastewater-based epidemiology, is a powerful tool for assessing disease burden in communities without the need for individualised testing. Sampling closer to the source (e.g., aircraft and individual buildings) and of smaller populations could create new opportunities for early detection of infectious diseases, allowing a swifter response, however, we see risks in this approach for Māori communities. One of the main goals of this research, will be to understand the ethical implications of small-scale wastewater testing from a Māori perspective, to mitigate the risk of marginalisation or stigmatisation. We will establish a kāhui kaumātua to guide the research and ensure ethical practice. In this project we will work closely with flaxroots communities, to understand their views and concerns about wastewater-based epidemiology. Results and conclusions will be shared with communities with a view to developing a Tikanga Framework for wastewater-based epidemiology in Aotearoa.

Project title: From Marokopa to Maketū – Exploring life beneath the sand.

Funder: University of Auckland (Internal funds) Transdisciplinary Ideation Fund 2023

Co-Leaders: Associate Professor Marama Muru-Lanning, Professor Jason Ingham, Associate Professor JR Rowland.

Status: Submitted

Project Abstract:

The 2022 IPCC report on Climate Change highlights the importance of integrating indigenous knowledge with science. Māori communities are often preparing for, and responding to, climate change with limited resources. Remote coastal Māori communities have high kaumātua populations who often serve as a volunteer workforce. The reliance on kaumātua energy and financial goodwill place **coastal** communities in a vulnerable position. Kaumātua are repositories of Mātauranga Māori embodied in purākau, whaikōrero and customary practices. This knowledge can contribute towards climate change adaptation. Our research project will uncover past, present, and future Māori perspectives on climate change, and cascading impacts. This feasibility study, which we hope will lead to a larger project, draws on two purākau that not only acknowledges the mana of Māori women from Kāwhia harbour (Marokopa to Maketū) but also exemplifies the seamless connectivity of the natural world.

Kaupapa anō | Other Kaupapa:

1. Dartmouth visit – October 2023

Marama and Nick travelled to Dartmouth in October. Marama delivered four talks about the various JHRC projects. Marama’s invitation to Dartmouth was so she could meet Professor Bruce Duthu from the Native American and Indigenous Studies office as she has been awarded the Gordon Russell Visting Professorship for 2024.



Gumbo dinner prepared by Professor Bruce Duthu (head of table) at his home.

Nick attended Dartmouth as a visiting PhD scholar in the Department of Anthropology where he gave a lecture about gender, takatāpui and data sovereignty during his visit.



Marama and Nick with some of the Native American and Indigenous Studies students

2. JHRC Whare minor capital works

We are in conversation with the University about the restoration of the two pou carved by Pakariki Harrison that used to stand at the entrance of the whare on Wynyard Street. Marilyn Humphries, Facilities and Tech Services Manager, Waipapa Taumata Rau is managing this process on our behalf.

3. 2024 JHRC Advisory Board Meeting dates

Thursday 7th March 12.00 - 3.00pm

Thursday 4th July 12.00 - 3.00pm

Thursday 7th November 12.00 - 3.00pm

Ngā Kairangahau/Kaimahi | Staffing Updates



Moana Oh

Ngāti Rārua, Ngāti Koata, Ngāti Tama, Rangitane o Wairau, Ngai Tahu, Ngāti Toa Rangatira

Poutaki Whakahaere Rangahau

This is Moana's second stint working with the centre. She has also worked previously in the Faculty of Arts in student engagement and has enjoyed careers in hospitality and health. She is a graduate of the University of Auckland.

Pānuitanga | Publications for this Quarter

In-Press

1. Jones, N. (2023). Unprecedented Times: Māori Experiences and Responses to Global Pandemics. *Link Praxis* 2023.

Journal articles

1. Marama Muru-Lanning, Hilary Lapsley, Tia Dawes and Keri Mills. (2023). 'Kaumātuaanga: Kōrero of Māori Elders from Three Tai Tokerau Tribal Groups.' *Pacific Studies*, 46 (1), 84-102.
2. Marama Muru-Lanning and Hilary Lapsley (eds.). (2023). Special Issue, 'Growing Old in the Pacific'. *Pacific Studies*, 46 (1).
3. Marama Muru-Lanning and Hilary Lapsley. (2023). Introduction to Special Issue, 'Growing Old in the Pacific'. *Pacific Studies*, 46 (1), 1-10.

Reports

1. Kukutai, T., Clark, V., Jacobs, R., Jones, N., Muru-Lanning, M., Newbold, E., Sterling, R., Teague, V., Huria, L., Watts, D. (2023) *Submission on Office of the Privacy Commissioner A potential biometrics code of practice: Discussion document.*

Invited Keynotes

1. Muru-Lanning, M. (2023). *Hongi (pressing of noses), Harirū (handshakes) and Hau (sharing breath) In The Time Of Covid-19.* Dartmouth College, United States of America [Keynote].

International Guest lectures

1. Muru-Lanning, M. (2023). *Tuākana-Teina.* Dartmouth College, United States of America [Guest Lecture].
2. Muru-Lanning, M. (2023). *Waikato Māori: From Raupatu to Self-Governance.* Dartmouth College, United States of America [Guest Lecture].
3. Jones, N. (2023). *Takatāpuitanga: Reclaiming Space.* Dartmouth College, United States of America [Guest Lecture].

Upcoming Conference Presentations

1. Muru-Lanning, M., Mills, K., Lanning, G., Kepa, M., Marshall, M., E., S. (2023). The indigenous voices of harbours in Aotearoa (New Zealand). 4S Honolulu (Society for Social Studies of Science (4S). Hawai'i Convention Center in Honolulu.
2. Muru-Lanning, M., Dawes, T., (2023). Pai atu te ārai atu i te mate i te rongoā i te mate: Prevention is better than cure. Te Niwha Aotearoa, New Zealand Infectious Diseases and Pandemic Preparedness Summit. Ōtautahi – Christchurch.
3. Muru-Lanning, M., Lapsley, H., Dawes, T., Mills, K., Kepa, M., Lanning, G., Em, S., Jones, N. (2023). Māori in the City. Cultures, Communication, Communities Conference: Re-Imagining the City Legacies, Challenges, Possibilities. Tāmaki Makaurau, Auckland.